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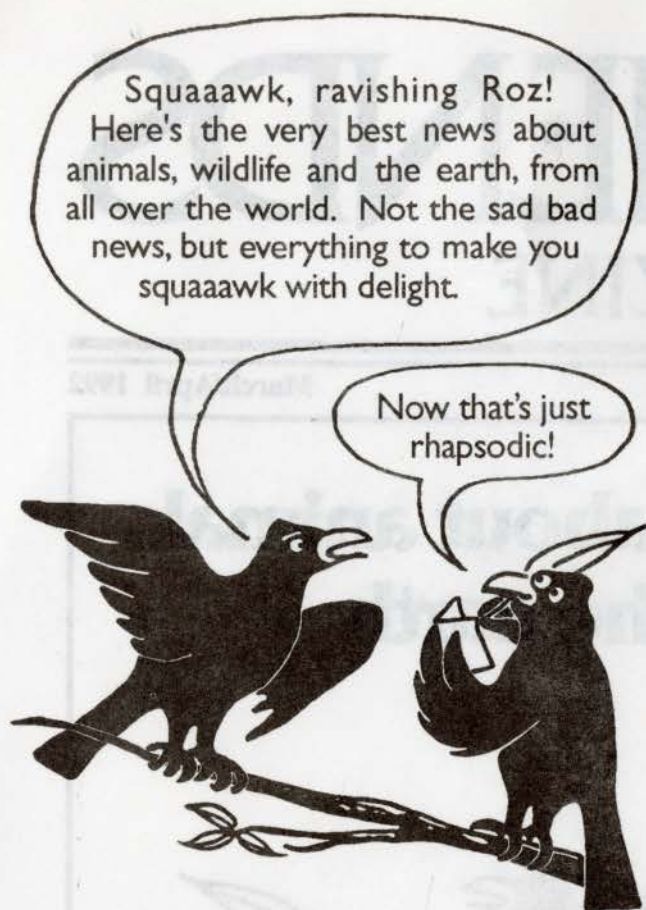
**All the good news about animals
wildlife and the earth**



**Raucous Rok Raven
races home to ravishing Rozlyn
with his latest rhapsodic report.**

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- Furry, fuzzy friends outfox frantic furriers!
- Princess Di says no to fur.
- Did medical experimentation create AIDS?
- How (and why) to hug a tree.
- "Beautiful Choice" cosmetics.



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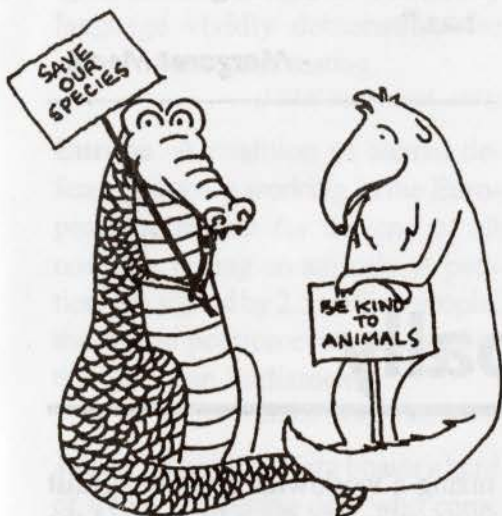
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Acting Locally ...



Saints, not sinners! Ingrid Newkirk of PETA and Heidi Prescott of the Fund for Animals were arrested in Hegins, PA, along with six others for running in front of the guns at the notorious Hegins Pigeon Shoot and liberating pigeons. They spent 13 days in jail and were fined. Eight other PETA members staged a sit-in in the offices of Pennsylvania's governor Robert Casey, and were fined for disorderly conduct.

(Animals' Agenda, Dec. 1991)

The ASPCA is launching a **Pet Food Stamp** program to help poor people or people who have lost their jobs to feed their pets so they won't have to give them up.

(Roger Caras, Pres., ASPCA, Fall, 1991)

Wild Utah Earth First demonstrated in Salt Lake City to protest the government's \$24 million a year anti-predator program. They said that the public's wildlife should not be killed to protect private interests, and that the program doesn't work to control predation anyway. Much better methods are to guard herds with dogs and use mobile fences.

(KUTV News, Salt Lake City, Dec. 12, 1991)

The Equine Rescue League was founded in Virginia in April 1990 on a donated 66 acre farm. Within the first month they took in 63 debilitated horses. Seven pregnant, emaciated mares in the first group foaled within days of their arrival. Virginia is horse country. But not all horse-owners are good owners. Many horses end up destined for the slaughterhouse for one reason or another. HSUS's Gail Eisnitz and horse-woman Patricia Rogers have changed all that. Together they brought the plight of Virginia's horses to the attention of the public, and the horse-loving public responded.

(HSUS News, Fall, 1991)

The Iditarod (sled dog race) Trail Committee has adopted most of the HSUS's recommendations for making the race more humane. These include: use of straw bedding for dogs; use of northern breeds of dogs only; mandatory disqualification for physical abuse of dogs; a longer rest stop at White Mountain (a critical juncture of the race); and a training video for rookie mushers.

(HSUS News, Fall, 1991)

HSUS, working with local citizens in the small town of Crestview, Florida, has persuaded the city council to renovate the existing dilapidated animal shelter building, and within six months the town will have a new facility based on HSUS recommendations.

(HSUS News, Fall, 1991)

Grassroots supporters by the thousands in California wrote postcards to the assembly, senate, and the governor to support the bill sponsored by

the Coalition to End the Wild Bird Trade. They defeated a stunned lobby of pet-industry people. The **Tailwagger Foundation and Mercy Crusade** held their 42nd annual "Bail Out Party" at Los Angeles' six Animal Control Centers in December. The groups paid for the adoption and spay/neuter of dogs, cats, rabbits, etc. to 300 adults who were screened for a good home. Tailwagger volunteers give new pet owners info on pet care, and tips on feeding, housebreaking, and pet training.

(Animal Press, Dec. 1991)

Free spay/neuter Los Angeles can now issue 4,000 vouchers for no-cost spay/neutering due to the help of ten humane organizations that are participating in the city's Animal Sterilization Trust Fund.

(Animal Press, Dec. 1991)

HSUS's latest campaign is **The Beautiful Choice**, which promotes personal-care products not tested on animals. More than 25 manufacturers have joined the campaign so far. The companies must pledge not to test their products or any ingredients on animals, and, of course, not ask any outside organization to do so.

The Beautiful Choice campaign uses a special logo, a rabbit surrounded by the words "Pledged to The Humane Society of the U.S. - Not Animal Tested". The logo is used in advertising and displays, and on a company's products. Consumers are being urged to look for the logo when making purchases.

(HSUS News, Winter, 1991)

With the devastation of **Hurricane Hugo** still fresh in their minds, South

Carolina animal-control agencies and humane societies held a four-day workshop last November to prepare for future possible disasters, with a comprehensive plan on what to do for animals before, during, and after such a natural disaster.

(HSUS News. Winter, 1991)

PETA and General Motors

PETA was out in force in mid-January demonstrating against the use by General Motors of animals in crash and toxicity tests. Some were carrying signs saying, "Lay off animals, not people." and some of the protestors were arrested. General Motors has announced it will phase out its animal testing.

(CNN-Jan 20, 1992)

"Never doubt that a small committed group of people can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead.

...Thinking Globally



South Africa has declared the great white shark a protected species.

(Aries Newsletter, August, 1991)

South Africa Hunters who visit the Pilanesburg Game Reserve may now choose to shoot tranquilizer darts instead of bullets. Once downed, the rhinos' horns are implanted with a microchip identification device which deters poachers and prevents the animal from being darted again.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

England's Perrycroft Lodge, notorious breeder of beagles for vivisection, is out of business. Animal Aid brought international attention to the company's numerous violations of

humane and zoning laws. Over 70,000 people applied to the Royal SPCA to adopt the company's remaining 400 beagles.

Ghana has stopped guinea pig dissection in public schools after appeals from the RSPCA and IFAW.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Britain One butcher shop in four in the U.K. has gone out of business since 1980, and half of all British slaughterhouses are expected to close by 1994 because they cannot meet European Community standards.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

China According to the New China News Agency, panda poaching dropped 60% in 1991. This includes pelt-smuggling. Since 1984 six people received the death penalty, of whom three have been executed. Another 16 are serving life sentences.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Australia When British cosmetics maker Montagne asked for volunteers to test new beauty products instead of testing on animals, over 700 people responded within the first 24 hours alone.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Denmark Solveig Wagner is orga-

nizing a worldwide petition against vivisection. So far it has passed the 41,000 mark. Activists all over the world are collecting names for the petition.

(Civil Abolitionist. Spring, Summer, 1991)

Botswana Plans to dredge part of the Boro River swamps have been delayed after conservationists and tribespeople protested.

(Wildlife News. Fall, 1991)

Rwanda Game wardens continue to monitor the safety of the mountain gorillas in the Parc National des Volcans. The AWF contributes radios, camping equipment and clothing to the park's guards.

(Wildlife News. Fall 1991)

Brazil The U.S. chapter of United Animal Nations has undertaken the complete renovation of the animal control shelter in Manaus, Brazil. The shelter is now very modern, with a clinic and veterinarian, and offers free vaccinations and medical exams to the public's pets. It also has two new vans for the retrieval of feral and stray animals.

(Journal of the UAN-USA. Fall, 1991)

Britain The Union for the Abolition of Vivisection launched a campaign

against the testing of cosmetics on animals with their "Vanity" rabbit. Vanity is six feet tall with large pink and white ears. The costume is worn by an actor whose gestures and body language vividly demonstrate the agony of cosmetic testing.

(HSUS News. Fall, 1991)

Europe A coalition of animal defense groups is working in the European Parliament for the end of all cosmetic testing on animals. A petition was signed by 2.5 million people, the largest petition ever presented to the European Parliament.

(HSUS News. Fall, 1991)

Japan The city of Nara boasts a herd of freely wandering deer who come to a dinner of rice cakes and sweet potatoes every evening in the winter called by the sound of a park warden's horn.

(CNN)

Europe A new Zoo Improvement Law was adopted unanimously at a meeting of E.C. Environment Ministers, and will lead toward the cleaning up or closing down of any sub-standard zoo in the European Community.

(International Fund for Animal Welfare.
Pamphlet. Winter 1991)

In 1995 Europe will also ban fur imports from countries that have not banned the steel leghold trap. Also the steel leghold trap will be banned within the E.C. Over 200 humane organizations worked to pass the proposal.

(International Fund for Animal Welfare.
Pamphlet. Winter, 1991)

Denmark A hearing aid manufacturer has developed an almost paperless head office. Mail is scanned by computer. Inter-office memos are all computerized. All used paper is put into a recycling program. In this small, tidy country, all resources

are carefully shepherded.

(CNN)

Nigeria Grace Faoye is a government official who is encouraging the use of very simple one-burner gas stoves instead of using wood for fire for cooking. She also encourages farmers to plant two trees for every one they cut down.

(CNN)

Israel The first non-euthanizing shelter, **Let the Animals Live**, has been started in Tel Aviv.

(Animals' Agenda. Jan./Feb. 1992)

The Georgia Greens was founded in 1988 in response to a proposal to

construct a railroad along the Aragvi River, the source of 80% of Tbilisi's drinking water. Students, working closely with an alliance of environmentally conscious scientists (Ecological Association) have taken on other projects such as protesting the building of seven hydroelectric dams that seismological data showed would be unsafe. Six months of hunger strikes and protests resulted in the dismantling of the project...even though 250 million rubles had already been spent on construction.

(Surviving Together - A Journal on
Soviet / American Relations)

*Lord, may all your creatures of innocence be blessed,
that the dolphins may play in the water,
that the cats may play in the moonlight,
that the birds may fly in the wind,
that the wild ones and the tame ones
may live in peace forever in your kingdom.*

*Lord, may all your creatures of innocence be blessed,
that the arrows of hate may be broken,
that man's tyranny may be ended,
that the wings of your Holy Spirit may soar again
in the sunlight of your land.*

*Lord, may all your creatures of innocence be blessed,
and protected by your hand.
May they live in peace forever in your kingdom.
May they live in peace forever in your kingdom.*

Thank Goodness



Hunting

Oops! On the opening day of the Washington bear season, a hunter shot a man as he sat in plain view on a rock beside a dirt road having a smoke. The hunter said he mistook him for a bear... The man lost a leg.

In Pennsylvania, a teenager killed a fellow bow-hunter with an accidental discharge as they were both seeking a deer they had wounded.

Pennsylvania turkey hunters alone have killed 9 people since 1987, and wounded 139. Turkey hunters don't even have to wear the blaze orange.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

The end of hunting? Sociologist Thomas Heberlein says, "It is not out of the question that there will be no sport hunting ... by the middle of the 21st century." Heberlein has found that the U.S. hunting population has dropped from 20 million to 14 million in the past decade, and the number of hunters under age 15 has

fallen from over 23,000 to just 14,500.

"I'm not even sure I would disagree that sport hunting could disappear by the middle of the next decade," commented Sportsman's Alliance of Maine president Gerry Barnes.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Friends of Animals blocked a hunting season for doves, raccoons and foxes in Minnesota.

And former San Diego Zoo elephant keeper Lisa Landres, who now works for the Friends of Animals, has obliged the zoo to quit selling animals to canned hunts in Texas and New York.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Pro-elk The Arizona Game and Fish Department were forced by court order to comb a 750,000 acre area east of Flagstaff to find 550 elk hunters and stop the hunt. A judge ruled in favor of the Fund for Animals.

Pro-bear The Fund for Animals, the Swan View Coalition, and Jasper Calton of the Biodiversity Legal Foundation won a temporary restraining order in September cancelling the fall grizzly bear hunt in Montana.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

From our own back door Trophy hunter Daniel Lewis of Alabama has been arrested in southern Utah for poaching 6 deer and removing only the antlers. He will be tried here soon. Even in a died-in-the-wool hunting state like Utah, Lewis' behavior is considered to be extremely bad, because folks around here at least eat the venison and use the skins.

Kenya Elephant populations are growing again in the Tsavo West and

Tsavo East national parks Kenya.

In Amboseli National Park the elephant population was 680 in 1985; today it's 735. Cynthia Moss and her staff of the African Wildlife Fund know many of the elephants by name. Jezebel, 63, is the oldest elephant in the Park. Quincy, now 22, was orphaned when he was 8. Aristotle is a 55 year old bull. He was limping for a while, but now his leg is better. The B-group, Belinda, Bonnie and Butch, usually stay together. Ms. Moss feels the outlook for elephants in the park is now good.

(Wildlife News. Fall, 1991)

The 2025 square-mile black rhino sanctuary at Ngulia is also doing very well. And the 1,500 square-mile Tarangire National Park, home to large concentrations of wildlife, reports that poaching is down.

In 1989 the African Wildlife Fund began its "Only Elephants Should Wear Ivory" campaign. Ad agency Saatchi & Saatchi helped the AWF produce TV spots and print ads around the world. All across the U.S. merchants began removing anything made out of ivory from their shelves, and stopped buying any more ivory.

In 1989 AWF officials went to the CITES conference in Switzerland where the African elephant was put on the most endangered list. A ban on worldwide ivory trade was put in place. Elephant poaching immediately began to decline in many African countries.

(Wildlife News. Fall, 1991)

Whew The Garcia family of California brought home a turkey to be slaughtered, but "Dinner Tom" so

charmed the family with his large white fan tail and ability to gobble on demand, that he instead became the family pet. Tom is a great favorite with all the kids of the neighborhood!

(CNN)

Fur

"Santa doesn't wear real fur," - quote for Christmas from the Animals' Agenda.

The EPA has charged New Jersey furriers Ella Industries and Superior Dyed Furs with having "illegally generated, stored, transported, and disposed of hazardous waste generated during the processing of fur pelts." They face fines totaling over \$1,500,000.

Another four firms who hauled and disposed of furriers' toxins were charged with breaking the law. They may be fined over a half a million dollars.

In Defense of Animals distributed about 30,000 pieces of anti-fur literature in September, and then followed up with a mass mailing in October to support federal legislation which would ban interstate and overseas trade in the pelts of animals caught with traps.

Friends of Animals set up TVs showing videos of fur farm cruelty on New York City sidewalks recently. They also sent a series of anti-fur limericks to "Fur Age Weekly" which caused quite a stir in the industry.

Boycott More than 50 groups have pledged to boycott Bloomingdales stores across the country this winter unless the chain stops selling furs.

Carols In Defense of Animals, the

Animal Protection Institute, and the Fund for Animals led animal-costumed choruses in singing anti-fur versions of carols at Christmas.

VVV For the folks with strong stomachs, a group called Vicious Vamps for Vanity appear in bloody fur garments outside San Francisco dept stores.

The anti-fur push by activists is credited with cutting the U.S. retail trade in fur by 27% last winter alone.

Joining the lengthening list of furriers going out of business:

Hopper Furs of St. Louis, MO

The Macy's fur salon in Bridgewater, NJ

New York furriers are stuck with huge inventories of unsold stock from past years. They began advertising 40-50% discounts in October.

Furriers have lost more than \$50 million in fur sales during the past year.

(All the above from Animals' Agenda, December, 1991)

Once a murderer, always a murderer Charles Stuart killed his pregnant wife in 1989 for her life insurance. He claimed a black man had done it, and then killed himself when evidence lead to him. A little known fact not brought out in the regular press is that Stuart was a furrier. He needed the money because his business was slumping badly.

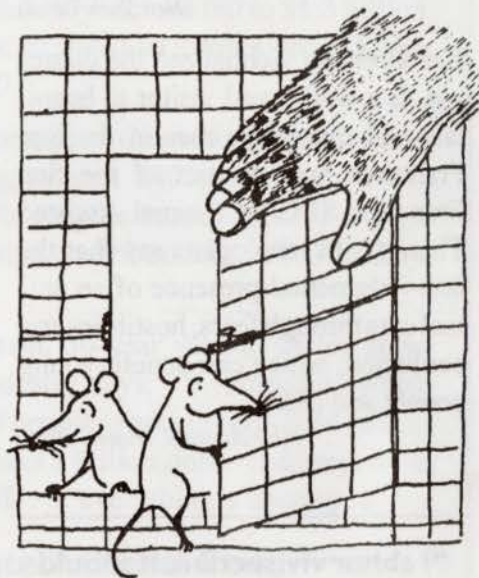
(Animals' Agenda, Dec. 1991)

The day after Thanksgiving is "**Fur-Free-Friday**". The first news to come to us on the annual demonstrations was from nearby Salt Lake City where demonstrators were out in force in front of ZCMI stores carrying signs telling customers not to buy furs. The news was widely covered locally.

(KSL TV, Salt Lake City, Nov. 29, 1991)

Medicine

AIDS testing Doctors are suggesting huge clinical trials of AIDS drugs, bypassing much of the animal experimentation and bureaucracy, using the services of doctors actually treating patients. Under the system, almost every patient with AIDS would be eligible to participate in trials. Doctors could evaluate patients by simply observing if they improve on the drug and avoid elaborate and expensive laboratory testing.



New techniques After 35 years, the National Cancer Institute has stopped using mice to test cancer remedies, because they found the tests are ineffective. The Institute has now adopted a more sophisticated approach using computer and in vitro techniques with human cancer cells grown in the laboratory.

The National Association of Nurses Against Vivisection lists over 100 hospitals that no longer practice breathing intubation techniques on cats.

Easter Seals now funds only non-animal studies.

(the above from Civil Abolitionist, Spring, Summer, 1991)

Did vivisection start the AIDS epidemic? An Oxford University researcher claims that the AIDS virus may have entered the human population as a result of some animal experiments on malaria done in Africa from the 1920's to the 1950's. In the experiments researchers inoculated themselves and others with fresh blood from chimps or monkeys to see whether malaria parasites that infect the primates can also infect people. In this way the HIV viruses could have entered the human bloodstream.

(New York Times)

Pet Therapy Schnauzer, the guinea pig, is a well-loved visitor to hospitals and nursing homes in the San Francisco area as part of the San Francisco SPCA's Animal Assisted Therapy. Psychologists say that the non-judgmental presence of an animal cuts through fears, hostilities and confusion, which can benefit young people and old.

(Our Animals. Winter, 1991)

"I abhor vivisection. It should at least be curbed. Better, it should be abolished. I know of no achievement through vivisection, no scientific discovery, that could not have been obtained without such barbarism and cruelty. The whole thing is evil."

**- Dr. Charles Mayo,
Founder, Mayo Clinic.**

The Progressive Animal Welfare Society and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine helped to cancel a cruel experiment on monkeys by the University of Washington and Johns Hopkins University.

(PCRM Update. Sept./Oct. 1991)

The St. Francis Prayer

Every religion and culture has at least one example of a saintly person who loved the innocent creatures of the earth.

For Christians, one such person was Saint Francis of Assisi, who became a special friend to the animals, and whose life is an inspiration to us at Best Friends.

Here is his famous "St. Francis Prayer", and nothing could better express the kind of life towards which we should all strive - no matter what faith we follow.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow Love;

Where there is injury, Pardon;

Where there is doubt, Faith;

Where there is despair, Hope;

Where there is darkness, Light;

Where there is sadness, Joy.

*O Divine Master, grant that I may seek
not so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying
that we are born to Eternal Life.*

Furry, Fuzzy Friends Outfox Frantic Furriers

The growing public awareness of the cruelties of the fur industry, combined with animal rights groups' anti-fur activities has had devastating effects on furriers around the world. Here is a review of some of what's been happening over the past year:

Closings:

Australia's David Jones dept. stores fur salons

Furrari, Inc. - 28 department store boutiques

Jindo Company of Japan - six stores closed

Maxine Furs - three locations

Thalimer Bros. fur boutiques

Auers Dept. Store Chain fur boutiques

Dion Furs/Chicago - four stores

Nordstrom Stores fur salons

22 furriers in New York's Upper Broadway

Schliefer & Son

Alad Fashions

York Furs

Ferdinand Roth Furs

Michael Forrest

Melziner Furs

Vermont Personal Furriers

Furs by Albert

Macy's Fur Salon - Bridgewater, NJ

Hoppers Furs - St Louis

Danish Saga Furs - San Raphael, CA

William Pinkus Furs

American Fur Exchange

Bankruptcy Filings:

Maximillian Furs

**Ontario Canada Trappers Association
(The biggest casualty yet!)**

The End of Fur in the U.S.:

40% fewer furs were sold in the northeastern US in October 1990 than in October 1989.

The anti-fur push by activists is credited with cutting the U.S. retail trade in fur by 27% last winter alone. Retail fur industry income fell to \$1.3 billion during the winter of 1990-91, down from \$1.65 billion in 1989-90.

The Fur Information Council of America has admitted to being at least \$400,000 in debt, but experts say its debt may be much higher. Fur Age Weekly reported that contributions to FICA fell by half in 1990.

Israel Bernstein, 50-year veteran of the New York City fur industry says: "I remember when there were 35,000 people working right here in this little area. There was a billion dollar industry; now there's nothing left . . . everything's destroyed."

And on the International front:

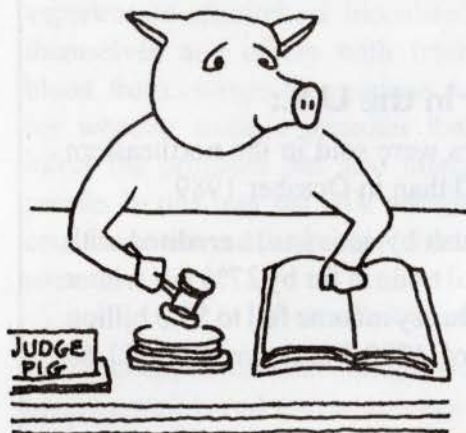
Hong Kong, the world's leading exporter of finished fur garments, reported a 34% drop in sales since 1988.

The number of animals trapped or shot for their furs will be down 50% from 1987 in Canada, according to a fur trade spokesman. Canadian ranch-bred furs will be down a similar amount. The amount earned by the industry is down at least 30%.

Canadian furriers have lost more than \$50 million in fur sales during the past year.

In Canada, trapping has sunk by as much as 70% over the past two years as the prices of furs plummeted. Furriers no longer expect to make whole garments of fur, but buy pelts mainly for trimming.

Changing Attitudes



Animals and the Law

Real sinners The USDA charged the Carolina Biological Supply Co. in September with numerous violations of the Animal Welfare Act. A PETA undercover probe originally exposed abuses at the company, the nation's leading supplier of animals to school dissection labs.

Voice for Animals in San Antonio, TX, filed a cruelty complaint against the San Antonio Charro Association which then dropped two events from its Mexican-style rodeo. Also helping was cartoonist Leo Garza of the San Antonio Express-News.

Fines for cruelty The USDA has announced civil penalties against 40 horse owners and trainers for "soring" the front feet of Tennessee Walking Horses to make them step higher. And the USDA fined American Airlines \$4,000 for accepting animals for shipment in improper cages.

Last Chance for Animals lived up to its name for pursuing two first-of-their-kind cases in the U.S. Judge David Schacter called Barbara Ann Ruggiero the "personification of evil" for collecting "free-to-a-good home" puppies and kittens and selling them to labs. She was sentenced to over five years in prison. Her two accomplices also drew prison time.

Trophy hunter Stephen Richard Doyle got five years in prison recently and a fine of \$8,015 for shooting an endangered bighorn ram in Arizona in 1987.

Exxon Judge Russell Holland accepted \$1.125 billion from Exxon in settlement of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The judge had previously rejected a smaller settlement. The criminal fine is twice the amount collected in all previous federal environmental prosecutions, and the case has cost Exxon a total of \$3.5 billion so far.

Two companies will pay \$130,000 to the Illinois Dept of Conservation instead of facing criminal charges for the killing of 35 endangered birds while clearing foliage along a gas line.

(the above from Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Blitz on cockfighting In Ohio, where cockfighting is illegal, the Dept. of Agriculture, the Humane Society of the United States, and state and federal law officers raided two major cockfights. More than 400 people were cited and 700 fighting birds were rescued. On one of the raids computer files were seized with important information leading to a second raid in West Virginia where state

troopers netted 31 people.

(HSUS. Close-Up Report. Sept. 1991)

The National Resources Defense Council has brought 200 legal cases against big corporate polluters. A few years ago they successfully sued Bethlehem Steel for dumping toxic wastes into the Chesapeake Bay. B.S. paid \$1.5 million.

The NDRC also sued the Upjohn Company for dumping chemical wastes into the Quinnipiac River near New Haven, CT. Upjohn agreed to pay \$1.2 million.

They also got an Illinois refinery to pay \$380,000 in penalties for fouling the Mississippi, and \$50 million to buy a wastewater treatment plant.

And they have worked on some of the most important environmental issues over the last 20 years through the courts. They were a major force in the virtual banning of leaded gasoline, the elimination of CFCs from aerosols, and getting rid of Alar in the treatment of apples.

(National Resources Defense Council. Letter, Fall, 1991)

In a marathon session lasting until 3 am, the Oshawa, Ontario city council last January overrode a law that required the town to supply impounded animals to research labs.

(Civil Abolitionist. Spring/Summer, 1991)

The Land and Water Fund of the Rockies is a network of volunteer attorneys providing free legal services to hundreds of environmental organizations. Current projects: blocking the construction of a dam on the Fall River, the only undammed river in eastern Idaho; and opposing

the construction of a power line through wild and sacred lands in the Jemez National Forest in New Mexico.

(Rocky Mountain Institute. Summer, 1991)

Dogfighting Law officers arrested Steve Hendrick and seven others a year ago on felony dogfighting charges in California. They pleaded guilty and were convicted on all counts. The investigation started as a narcotics case, but uncovered the large-scale dog-fighting operation.

Animals vs. Santeria. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Florida upheld a ban on animal sacrifice. A Santeria congregation had said this was a violation of their freedom of religion. The judges said protecting animals from torment and unnecessary death outweighs the interests of the Santeria practitioners.

(HSUS News. Fall, 1991)

The Los Angeles City Council voted in September to prohibit the sacrifice of animals for ritual purposes. More than 300 animals had been sacrificed in the last year in L.A. The city attorney contacted HSUS for a copy of its model ordinance and information on a similar law already passed in Florida which is also a center of Santeria, a cult in which animals are sacrificed.

(HSUS News. Winter, 1991.)

The SSLC Kennel in Kansas, the heart of puppy-mill country, was raided and its owners were convicted of cruelty to animals and a violation of the state's animal dealers law. They were sentenced to two years' probation, 500 hours of community service, and charged \$16,000 in fines and restitution. Best of all, they are no longer allowed to own animals as a business, or even keep animals as pets. This was the first conviction of a Kansas puppy mill for violating the animal dealers law enacted in 1988.

The Animal Defense Fund, after an eighteen-month court case, has forced the University of Vermont to open up its Animal Care and Use committees to public attendance. The committees' records must also be made available to the public.

(PCRM Update. Sept./Oct. 1991)

New Laws

Texas has two important new animal laws:

1. Pets adopted from shelters must be spayed or neutered within thirty days.
2. Abused animals may now be released to shelters, and not sold at public auction.

(HSUS News. Fall, 1991)

Gill-nets banned Californians banned the use of lethal gill nets from a final section of their coastline. The entire Pacific coastline from Mexico to Canada is now off-limits to gill-netting.

(HSUS News. Winter, 1991)

Veggie Day The California State Senate declared October 14 "Vegetarian Day" and presented a Senate certificate of recognition to Frances Moore Lappe, author of "Diet For a Small Planet."

(Animals' Agenda. Jan./Feb. 1992)

The Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act defines the term "Dolphin Safe" for canned tuna. The bill was passed after two years of work by the Dolphin Coalition which includes almost 40 animal protection and environmental groups, and with the cooperation of the major tuna processing companies.

(HSUS News. Winter, 1991)

Animals and Politics

The **Green Party** is on the ballot in California after collecting over 83,000 names. (The other state in which people may vote for Green candidates is Alaska). It is the first new political group to make it onto the California ballot in 10 years. The Greens stand for environmental issues, of course, but also for education and health reform.



Accolades

Here is a run-down from the HSUS of senators and congresspeople who have been doing some good for animals and the earth:

Rep. George Brown and Rep. Charlie Rose gave attention to all animal protection issues that came before the House Agriculture Committee, including the Farm Bill and organic-foods and facility break-in issues. And Rep. Dan Glickman also helped in the debate on "break-in" bills.

Sen Patrick Leahy helped on the Farm Bill, which contains several provisions promoting animal protection; and Rep. Peter deFazio did the work on the organic foods provision.

Sen. Harry Reid and Rep. Charles Bennett promoted veal calf protection legislation.

Sens. Patrick Leahy and Wendell Ford helped make it harder for dealers to obtain pets under false pretenses and sell them for use in research.

Rep. Tony Roth championed a farm bill provision helping to stop violators of the Animal Welfare Act.

Rep. William Natcher and Sens. Quentin Burdick and Tom Harkin helped to appropriate \$3 million for the National Toxicology Program which looks for alternatives to animal research.

Rep. Dean Gallo and Sen. Alan Cranston helped designate April as "National Prevent-a-Litter Month"!

Rep. Gus Yatron and Sen. Claiborne Pell are very supportive in the effort to ban commercial whaling.

Congress approved an HSUS-supported certification program for organically raised food. Organically raised farm animals are treated more humanely and lead more natural lives.

On June 19, Yuri Scherbak, chairman of the Ukrainian Green Party, was elected Minister of the Environment for the Ukraine.

(Surviving Together - A Journal on Soviet / American Relations)

Animals and the Media

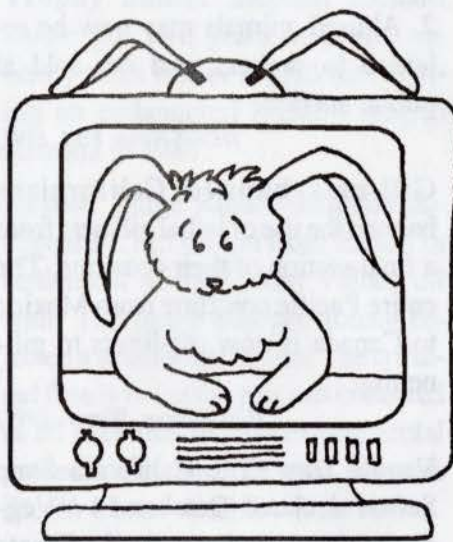
Ted Turner's TBS has recently announced a six-month "Save the Earth" campaign. TBS has targeted more than \$6 million for special programming and an accompanying book that contains an "action pack" of post cards readers can send to

politicians.

(TV Guide. Dec. 14, 1991)

Animal expert Warren Eckstein is a regular on the very popular Regis and Kathy Lee talk show. Recently he came on to tell people to adopt animals from pounds and shelters. He said one can find pedigreed animals there. All that some pound puppies need is a make-over grooming, so look beyond their somewhat scruffy pound exteriors and adopt a pet.

(Regis and Kathy Lee. Nov. 18, 1991)



60 minutes did a segment on the fur business which was strongly anti-fur. The cruelty of raising fur-bearing animals was graphically shown. The business people trying to argue the case for fur didn't come off with any conviction. The piece covered both the U.S. and England.

(60 minutes. Nov. 8, 1991)

In October, **KTVX News** in Salt Lake City reported on the electrocution of golden eagles in Utah. The eagles were landing on power lines. Utah Power and Light has responded quickly, installing auxiliary perches above the wires for eagles to land on.

(KTVX News. Nov. 8, 1991)

"Most of us who work to help animals get tired of being asked why we aren't doing something to help people instead - especially when we're asked by those who aren't doing much to help anyone. Well, animals matter, of course, but what we're doing also has limitless potential to help people, by making us into a more ethical, more compassionate species; by erasing the ultimate evil: human cruelty."

- Kim Bartlett, editor, Animals' Agenda.

Glamour Magazine featured the HSUS's logo for its "Beautiful Choice" campaign in its Glamour Guide. And **Cosmopolitan** carried a full-page ad featuring the campaign spokeswoman, actress Ana-Alicia. The ad has appeared in several other publications as well. A PSA on the "Beautiful Choice" campaign was distributed to the nation's top fifty TV stations and to radio stations across the country.

(HSUS News. Winter, 1991)

Investigative report WCAU-TV in Philadelphia aired an investigative report in October on the puppy-mill problem in Pennsylvania.

(HSUS News. Winter 1991)

The real Batman! Coming up at Eastertime, "Fengully: the Last Rainforest" a full-length animated musical about a bat who escapes from a lab and then works to save the rainforest.

(Animals' Agenda. Jan./Feb. 1992)

Animals and Education

The HSUS's educational arm announced Karen Smith, a teacher of the learning-disabled at Cottonwood Elementary School in Arizona, as their Teacher of the Year. Her students post messages about kindness to the earth and its creatures on a board in the school library.

(HSUS News, Fall, 1991)

The San Francisco SPCA gives a **PetRent Seminar** teaching people how to convince their current landlords to change from "no pets" to "pro pets," and if looking for a new place, how to find pets-OK rentals, and how to negotiate with property managers and owners, and how best to present oneself and one's pet. One of the main reasons for pets ending up in pounds and shelters is, of course, that their owner moves to a place that doesn't take pets.

They also have an **Animal Behavior Department** with an Animal Behavior telephone advice line where trained volunteers give pet owners instructions on how to change unpopular behavior patterns such as barking, scratching the furniture, digging, lack of house-breaking and biting.

(Our Animals, Winter, 1991)

The American Humane Association runs a **Horse Abuse Investigators School** every summer in Durango, Colorado. One new graduate went back home and had an immediate success, discovering an elderly pony 200 pounds underweight with an owner who lied about its care. She had the pony impounded, fed, and adopted into a caring new home.

(Animal Advocate, Summer 1991)

Norwalk cuts dissection Norwalk,

CT, following the example of other school boards around the country, voted in October to allow students to avoid dissection if they wish to. Ironically, Norwalk is both the home of Friends of Animals, a well-known anti-dissection organization, and the notorious U.S. Surgical Corp., which spends millions to promote biomedical research.

(Animals Agenda, Jan./Feb. 1992)

Animal welfare course The Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine now offers a course on animal welfare open to all senior students.

(Animals' Agenda, Jan./Feb. 1992)

Animal rights course John Abbott College in Montreal offers a course on animal rights.

(Animals' Agenda, Jan./Feb. 1992)

"True human goodness, in all its purity and freedom, can come to the fore only when its recipient has no power. Mankind's true moral test, it's fundamental test - which lies deeply buried from view - consists of its attitude toward those who are at its mercy: the animals."

- Milan Kundera.

Animals and Business

Santa's Pets At the Fashion Place Mall in Salt Lake City taking your pet to see Santa at Christmas was all the rage. For \$5.00 you could have your pet's photo taken with Santa, too. Proceeds went to the Utah Humane Society.

(KSL TV, Salt Lake City, Dec 5, 1991)

A new eco-enterprise is the "water service" company. In Arizona, California and Virginia, entrepreneurs are contracting with apartment owners, schools, and housing developments to install water-efficient plumbing: ultra-low flush toilets, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, etc. for free. The water service company then takes 50-80% of the water savings over several years to recoup its investment and a profit. The customer receives the rest plus, as a bonus, all the savings from water not heated.

Cardboard oven Wood is the primary cooking fuel in the Third World, leading to deforestation in many places. Two Arizona women have come up with a better idea, a cardboard solar oven which can cook pollution-free dishes such as lentils, rice, spaghetti sauce and bread at temperatures up to 350 degrees.

(Rocky Mountain Institute)

They can fly by themselves 27 airlines now refuse to ship **wild-caught birds**. Among them are: KLM, Lufthansa, Aerolineas Argentinas, British Airways, Northwest Airlines, Federal Express, Austrian Airlines, Garuda Indonesia Airlines, United Airlines, Air France, TWA, Challenge Air Cargo, Iceland Air, and Swiss Air. The latest additions are El Al, Larr Chile, and THY Turkish Airlines.

(HSUS News, Fall, 1991 and Animals' Advocate, Summer, 1991)

Sears and HSUS The Sears Christmas "Wish Book" catalogue this year features Humane Society of the United States plush toy animals. The HSUS will receive 8% of the wholesale price for every toy sold. If the sale is a success, HSUS will embark on other programs with Sears.

(HSUS News, Fall, 1991)

Even during the Christmas recession,

products that are kind to the environment were among the best sellers.

(CNN)

Engineer Leslie Olson has modified the engine of a train to run on natural gas. It is being tested in Washington State. If it works, it could be the wave of the future for the railroads as the U.S. has plenty of natural gas, but has to import 50% of its petroleum products.

(CNN)

"The one great commandment of culture is: Thou shalt not be cruel."

- John Cowper Powys, Welsh author and anti-vivisectionist.

From the San Francisco Humane Society

Wall Street Woofles In San Francisco the discount brokerage house **Charles Schwab** signed on as a regular adoption outreach site for the San Francisco SPCA, and became their first corporate sponsor of the Mobile Adoption Program.

The McCann-Erickson ad agency designed enchanting adoption posters for the San Francisco SPCA which were displayed throughout the city in prime locations by the Gannett Transit Shelter Company.

Purina's **Pets for People Fund** underwrote the San Francisco SPCA's Pets for Older People Program which provides San Franciscans over the age of 65 with free cat and dog adoptions.

From HSUS

"Beautiful Choice" - Major distributors including Tree of Life, Cor-

nucopia, and the Elk River Trading Co. are distributing special retailer kits for the HSUS's **Beautiful Choice** campaign to more than 2,500 retailers nationwide.

Nature Food Centres/Vitamin Quota, with about 85 stores on the east coast, have developed their own displays featuring the Beautiful Choice logo. Blackmores and Genesis/Beauty Without Cruelty are using the logo in their print advertisements. Orjene Natural Cosmetics has published the logo on their flyers distributed to retailers.

And the Reviva company has reprinted the Beautiful Choice campaign poster and has written about the campaign in its publication, "Environmental News" which is sent to its customers.

AVANZA/Nature Cosmetics is donating 5% of any purchase made by telephone to the HSUS.

Nature Food Centres/Vitamin Quota donated twenty-five cents to the HSUS from every sale of designated cosmetics sold in its stores during September and October last year.

HSUS reps set up a booth at natural foods industry trade shows in Philadelphia, Boston and Los Angeles to promote the Beautiful Choice campaign to manufacturers and retailers. Many manufacturers actually joined the campaign after meeting the HSUS staff at these shows.

At first count 26 manufacturers have pledged not to test on animals as part of the Beautiful Choice campaign. They are: ABKIT/CamoCare; Auromere; AVANZA/Nature Cosmetics; Blackmores; The Body Shop; Borlind of Germany; Country Comfort; Freeman Cosmetics; Genesis/Beauty Without Cruelty; Jason Natural Products; Kiss My

Face; La Crista; L'Herbier de Provence, USA; Levlad Inc.; MERA; Nature Food Centres/Vitamin Quota; Orjene Natural Cosmetics; Paul Penders; Rachael Perry; Reviva; SafeBrands; ShiKai; Smith & Vandivier; Tom's of Maine; and Weleda.

(HSUS News. Winter, 1991)

PetsMart, a pet supply chain with 7 Arizona stores, paid up to 25% of the adoption fees for any customer who adopted a shelter animal between October 30 and November 12.

(Animals' Agenda. Jan./Feb. 1992)

"Nothing shocks our moral feelings so deeply as cruelty does. We can forgive every other crime, but not cruelty. The reason for this is that it is the very opposite of compassion...it is the greatest lack of compassion that stamps a deed with the deepest moral depravity and atrocity...compassion is the real moral incentive."

- Arthur Schopenhauer, 19th century German philosopher.



Animals and Your Health

The price of treatment for the 40 million Americans suffering from heart disease comes to \$78 billion annually. Dr. Dean Ornish of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute studied 48 patients who were treated only with a low-fat diet, moderate exercise, and no tobacco or caffeine. After a year, arterial clogging in 39 patients had reversed significantly without the use of surgery or cholesterol-lowering drugs. And the less drugs and surgery, the less animals have to suffer in medical experiments.

(Civil Abolitionist. Spring-Summer, 1991)

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine continues to point out that the best prevention for breast cancer is to eat a low-fat, high-fiber, plant-based diet. Apparently in China, with its diet of rice and vegetables, there are phenomenally low rates of all types of cancers, as well as of heart disease and obesity. A cancer prevention diet should contain no more than 15% fat and should be vegetarian.

(PCRM Update. Sept./Oct. 1991)

Veggies live longer A study of 30,000 Seventh Day Adventists shows that they live about 14 years longer than the average American. Why? Half of all Adventists are vegetarians. Most of them don't drink or smoke. They believe in exercise and leading a life of emotional well-being.

(CNN, "On the Menu")

Compassionate Cooking

Tempeh Fajitas

Fajitas are a Southwest dish usually made with slices of meat. In this recipe we use Tempeh, the staple food of Indonesia. Tempeh can be bought at most natural or health food stores in the frozen foods section. It has a chewy texture, a good flavor, and is loaded with protein.



1. Marinate (overnight if possible) for at least 1-2 hours:

- 1 pkg. Tempeh (thawed) sliced into 1/2" strips.
- Juice of one lemon
- 2 cloves garlic - crushed
- 1/4 c. soy sauce
- 1/2 c. salsa (your choice, hot or mild)
- enough water to just cover the tempeh

2. Saute in 2 tbs. olive oil:

- 1/2 onion sliced - cook until transparent, then add:
- 1/2 bell pepper (green or red, or both) sliced.
- Marinated tempeh strips

Continue cooking until tempeh is crispy and peppers are soft.

-- Take 1/2 cup of marinade and add 1 tbs. of cornstarch. Mix until smooth, then add to remaining marinade. Pour this into pan and cook slowly stirring until thickened.

Serve wrapped in warm flour tortillas, along with tomato slices, avocado, shredded lettuce, and more salsa!

by Cyrus Mejia

Wildlife and the Earth



Wildlife Report

Condors There were only 27 California condors in 1987 when the last were captured. There are now 52. And from among those 52, a breeding pair was just released into the wild in mid-January in a condor sanctuary area north of Los Angeles.

(Animals' Agenda, December, 1991 and CNN, January 14, 1992)

Wild horses The San Diego Zoo has announced plans to send 20 Przewalski's horses to Mongolia, their native habitat. About 20 or more of the rare horses are to be released over the next two years. These horses have been absent from the wild since 1968. There are 1,100 in captivity.

(Animals' Agenda, Dec. 1991)

Helping dolphins Mexico has announced a 10-point program to protect dolphins from tuna fishing, including providing \$1 million to retrain fishing crews and the placement of international observers aboard all Mexican tuna-fishing boats.

(Animals' Agenda, Dec. 1991)

Helping whales A recent Gallup poll shows that the majority of the Japanese public want whales to be protected rather than slaughtered.

(Aries Newsletter, Aug. 1991)

The HSUS has opened a wild bird rehabilitation center in Honduras.

Helping turkeys Another hundred wild turkeys have been reintroduced into the Echo-Hennifer Wildlife Management area of northern Utah, where their friends have been doing quite well for some years. A wildlife manager, knowing he was speaking to a big hunting state, emphasized the pleasure of having the big birds flying around the refuge in the snow. (P.S. We have a bunch of wild turkeys at Best Friends who say "Hello" to their northern friends!)

(KSL TV, Dec. 5, 1991)

Rattlesnakes One of the largest concentrations of rattlesnakes anywhere is at Natural Bridges in Utah. Scientists studying their habits recognize each individual snake by the unique blotch patterns on their backs. Polaroid photos are taken of them, and some are radio-collared. Despite the high snake density (60 snakes were living in a single den this spring), only one person has ever been bitten since the Monument was created. These snakes seem rather docile, and rarely attack.

(Park Science, Fall, 1991)

Peregrine falcons are doing very well in the Great Lakes region where they have been reintroduced after becoming extinct there in the 1960s.

(Park Science, Fall, 1991)

Helping coots Hundreds of coots, duck-like birds, landed by mistake in

Fillmore, Utah on November 11. The birds, which are not strong fliers, had gotten disoriented in a storm and flew to the ground. Many died. The town found itself inundated with coots who could not take off, as they can only fly from water. The Future Farmers of America in town gathered them all up and took them to the nearby Sevier River from where they continued their migration south.

(KUTV News, Salt Lake City, Nov. 11, 1991)

Helping snails When Kanab, Utah, native Brandt Child decided to build a campground and golf course at Three Lakes, he was contacted by Larry England of the Fish and Wildlife Service who told him to limit his activity in the area, which is the only known home in the whole world of the Kanab Amber Snail. The snail will soon be listed as threatened or endangered.

Then someone (!) let a flock of domestic geese loose at Three Lakes. Geese eat snails, so the Fish and Wildlife people were not amused. Luckily, the Kanab Amber Snails are hibernating for the winter. Child denies any knowledge of who let the geese loose. The geese were rounded up and brought to us at Best Friends, where we gave them a nice snail-free home with our other ducks and geese.

Helping deer In a suburban area of California a herd of 30 deer were rounded up by a group of experts and then moved to a remote area 40 miles away. The deer had been causing crop damage in the heavily populated area. The good news is that the trend is toward relocation, and away from just shooting the animals.

(KUTV News, Salt Lake City, Dec. 12, 1991)

Helping horses National Park Service biologists have developed a contraceptive for wild horses which can be delivered by shooting them with a dart. Tests over the past few years have been very successful. The aim is to control the massive wild horse overpopulation.

(HSUS News, Fall, 1991)

Manatee deaths were down in Florida during 1991. The state has now put warning signs in heavy manatee habitat areas and has been stricter in enforcing boat speed limits.

(CNN)

Wildlife returns to New York

Wildlife was virtually eliminated from the New York City area by 1900, but so many native mammals have returned that almost every species known to the Native Americans who "sold" Manhattan in 1626 can still be found within a 50-mile radius of the city, especially in the thickly wooded watershed areas of New York and Connecticut where one can still glimpse the occasional bear.

Mice and rats are a vital part of the New York waste disposal system. Together the rats and the mice eat 120 tons of garbage every day! This is the same amount of garbage that about 40,000 of the city's seven million humans produce every day.

And the five to ten million New York City pigeons manage to clean up three to seven tons of garbage off the streets each day.

(from Animals' Agenda, Jan./Feb. 1992)

12,000 acres of swamp land in Southern Louisiana have been protected for bald eagles. Five eagle nests are known to be in the area having produced 27 eaglets in the last five years.

(Backpacker, Oct. 1991)

Wildlife at Best Friends

Each month we feature one of the beautiful species of wildlife here at Best Friends. This month:

The Raven

In myth and legend from all over the world, ravens are known as the eyes of God, the messengers of the Gods, or something similar. Here at Best Friends it's easy to see why: a pair of ravens is never far from the action. Whether hovering in the sky, or perching in a nearby tree, these nosey, friendly birds seem fascinated by everything, and always seem to be reporting back and forth on what's happening!



Odin, the lord of the gods in ancient Northern Europe, kept a pair of ravens perched on his shoulders. They were Hugin and Munin: Thought and Memory. He sent the two ravens out at dawn each day to reconnoiter the Earth. At dusk they returned and whispered into his ear the secrets they had learned. Bird specialists say that Odin chose his messengers well. No bird is a better long-distance flyer, and ravens are sharp-eyed busy-bodies, alert and very talkative.

The biblical Noah apparently knew about ravens too. In the flood story, when the rain stops, the first thing Noah does is to open a window and send out a raven to see what's going on.

Ravens belong to the crow family, which includes magpies, jays, nutcrackers and crows. The common raven is about four times heavier than the crow, with 4-foot long wings and a long wedge-shaped tail. Ravens are more common in the Western U.S.

In old Ireland sages divined the future from the calls of ravens. Their phrase, "raven's knowledge" means to see and to know all.

And in the Arctic the Inuit say they know when the caribou will arrive on their migrations from the ravens who travel with the wolves along the flanks of the herds and feed on their kills.

When we take groups of dogs out for a hike here at Best Friends, it's not unusual for a pair of ravens to come along too. They fly along from tree to tree, occasionally dive-bombing the dogs and clearly enjoying the joke!

And while we're scanning news reports for items to put in the Best Friends Magazine, our own special mythic pair of ravens, called Rok and Rozlyn, travel the world just like Odin's ravens of old - bringing back all the good news about animals, wildlife and the earth.

Animals and Ecology

By 1980 the Upjohn Company's chemical plant had dumped so much waste into the Quinnipiac River in Connecticut, that people were driven inside by the smell. Nancy Alderman started a campaign against Upjohn. Ten years later the chemical company finally agreed to stop producing chemicals there and pay \$1.2 million in fines to the New Haven Foundation to clean up the Quinnipiac River.

(Environmental Defense Fund. Letter, Sept., 1991)

Less lead French researchers report finding less than one seventh as much lead in the Greenland ice pack this year as in 1971, a strong indication that banning leaded gas has dramatically reduced global atmospheric lead levels.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Helping plants The Nature Conservancy, the Oregon State Parks Department, and other organizations have joined forces to create a native plant restoration garden. It is home to more than 300 species of plants. Trails through the garden permit viewing to educate the public.

(Park Science. Fall, 1991)

The National Park System of the US comprises 356 areas covering almost 80 million acres. Maintaining native plants is a major project of the park system at this time.

(Park Science. Fall, 1991)

Virginia has banned the use of the pesticide carbofuran after the public, environmental groups and even federal agencies pointed out that the chemical kills birds who mistake the granules for food. Then the EPA announced that carbofuran will be phased out of the entire U.S. market

by 1994.

(Environmental Defense Fund. Letter, Sept., 1991)

Recession good for trees There is roughly two years' worth of sold but uncut timber on Forest Service land in Oregon and Washington. The trees have not been "harvested" because demand for wood is down due to the recession.

(Environmental Defense Fund. Letter, Sept. 1991)

Helping Christmas trees One third of all Christmas tree buyers now purchase a fake tree rather than a real one for the sake of convenience. But, no doubt the trend will spare lots of real trees everywhere from tree poachers.

(KUTV News. Salt Lake City. Dec. 12, 1991)

Helping the forests The UN has an active reforestation program going in Honduras, which has suffered almost complete deforestation. The key is the school where the kids are taught about trees, tend a tree nursery, and take seedlings home to plant. It is hoped that the kids will grow up along with the forests.

(CNN)

A living Christmas tree This year the Christmas tree at the Capitol in Washington was a blue spruce brought from New Mexico alive and planted there as an encouragement to all Americans to plant trees.

(CNN)

At the **Earth Shine** project for city kids in a beautiful rural area of Virginia, kids learn about the environment: including how to bake bread, recycle, and even how to make a compost heap.

(CNN)

No tangles An Illinois company has developed a plastic 6 pack holder in which the ring always comes apart when you take the cans out. No ani-

mal can become entangled in these new holders.

(CNN)

California has the strictest air-pollution standards in the world. The state started by cleaning up auto emissions, but added a long list of household aerosol products last year. This year the list has been extended even to alcohol-based perfumes. Many products now have to be specially manufactured just for California. The new standards are the equivalent to taking a million cars off the freeways.

(CNN)

Growing movement There are now over 400 groups in the US doing environmental work. A list of them can be found in the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Directory.

(Earthkeeping News. Sept./Oct 1991)

Record breaking tree planting. Local school children and the Rotary Club of Delhi South West, India planted 5400 trees in 18.06 minutes in 15 schoolyards.

(The Rotarian, October 1991)

On December 19, 1990 the citizens of Odessa voted in an environmental referendum to shut down a gigantic fertilizer plant and port facility built by Occidental Petroleum in the 1970's. 60% of voters turned out and 83% voted to close down the plant.

(Surviving Together - A Journal on Soviet / American Relations)

Did you know?

Catnip, the herbal kitty stimulant, is intoxicating not only to our domestic felines, but to all cats from the Siberian tiger to the lion?

(Animal Press. Dec. 1991)

Of Trees and Tree-Hugging!

When people comment on the interesting shapes of some of our buildings, we explain that Paul, our architect, always tries to build around the trees rather than over them. The trees prefer not to be chopped down, and in return they provide nice shady courtyards and crannies.

The two most common trees here are the Cedar Junipers and the Pines. The Junipers are big round evergreens with aromatic berries (juniper berries are used for making gin), and a nice resin which makes a delightful incense. The Pines are taller, and grow a little higher up on the ranch. They also have a nice-smelling resin, and drop lots of nice cones in the fall.

To ancient peoples trees were sacred.

In ancient Greece the olive tree was sacred to Artemis, and the myrtle to Aphrodite. Oak trees were sacred to Zeus, as they were to Odin in Germany. Oaks were also the sacred tree of the Druids, whose very name means "oak people".

Different trees were considered to have different properties. Mistletoe was called a healing plant, because it seemed to fall from heaven.

Hazel trees were used by the Hebrew, Greek, Roman and Nordic people to make royal scepters for their kings and queens. Hazel was considered to have magical properties and to protect against lightning. Forked branches from hazel trees are preferred by water dowzers.

Pine trees, like most evergreens, symbolized immortality. They were also worshipped as a fire symbol because of their flame-like shape.

Ancient people were very reluctant to cut down trees. They did special rituals and chants to "anaesthetize" the tree. Then they would find another tree to

which the tree spirits could be transferred. And then they would wait till the waning days of the moon when the energies are low and the tree would feel the least.

Tree Spirits

Trees were always said to have their own spirit, and also to be homes for all sorts of other spirits.

American Plains Indians would plant a cedar near the grave of a relative so that it could point the person's soul into the next world.

The Greeks had sacred tree groves which were homes to gods and goddesses, elves and fairies, and the souls of dead people.

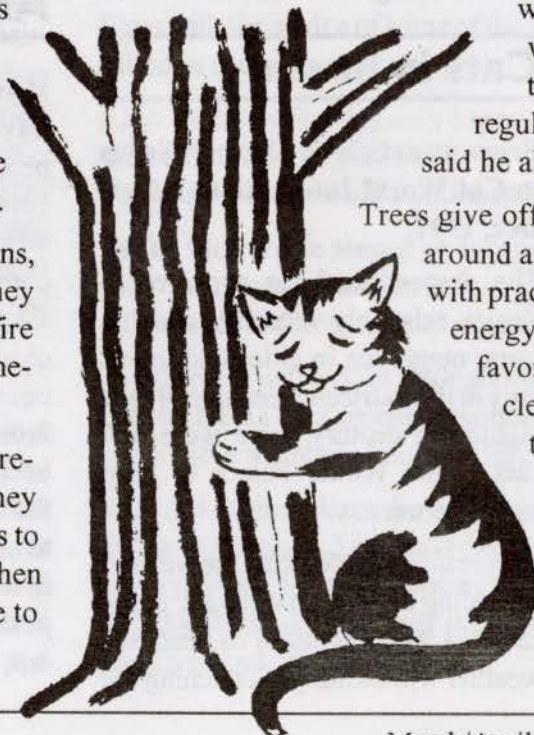
And modern science says there's no doubt that trees do communicate with each other. When danger threatens a group of trees or a forest, trees can transmit messages to each other which have been scientifically measured. Trees also have their own "heartbeat" which can be carefully recorded so that you can hear these strange-sounding thumpings and bumpings.

How to hug a tree

People who hug trees are considered a bit off-the-wall perhaps, but they'll tell you it works. Otto von Bismark, who built the 19th century German empire, regularly hugged his favorite tree. He said he always felt renewed afterwards.

Trees give off different healing energies. Walk around a tree with your palms facing it, and with practice you'll be able to tell the kind of energy it gives off. And when you find a favorite tree you can hug it! It will help clear your mind of worries and will transmit a soothing energy to you.

Or you can just sit under your favorite tree, or near your favorite house-plant, and absorb its calming presence.



On the Light Side

Those who help animals help children too.

The American SPCA was founded in 1866. At that time there were no laws for the rescue of abused children. And it was through the Humane Society that children were rescued. The SPCA testified in one case: "The child is an animal. If there is no justice for it as a human being, it shall at least have the rights of the dog in the street. It shall not be abused!" The judge agreed.

That case was the spark that promoted reform, led by animal defenders who had been seeking to help children as well for many years.

The SPCA then co-founded the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children from their own office.

Caroline White formed the Women's Pennsylvania SPCA in 1869, since, being a female, she could not head the regular SPCA. She took over the dog pound, the first humane group ever to assume such a responsibility. She then began the practice of putting healthy animals up for adoption.

Ms. White went on to found the St. Vincent's Aid Association to help orphans and the indigent when she was already an elderly lady.

(Animals' Agenda. Dec. 1991)

Nice kids: Pamela Morgan, age 6, writes the Otterwise Bug Savers Club: "I help worms off the sidewalk onto the grass after it rains!" Ralph Turo, age 10, writes: "Bugs can tell when you're going to hurt them. I take insects in my house outside instead of squishing them."

(Otterwise. Winter, 1991)

Pink Floyd, a large flamingo who escaped from the Tracy Aviary in Salt Lake City three years ago, keeps coming back to winter at the Great Salt Lake because of its abundant tasty brine shrimp. The aviary doesn't want to try to recapture Floyd for fear of harming him.

(KUTV. Salt Lake City. Dec. 3, 1991)

Dino Dupes? At Dinosaur National Monument, a couple, probably creationists who do not believe in the theory of evolution, were watching paleontologists painstakingly exposing the fossil remains of a dozen species of dinosaurs and turtles. One was heard to remark to the other, "Well, if it's a hoax, it's sure an impressive one!"

(Park Science. Fall, 1991)

The killer whale, **Orca**, is not a whale at all, but at up to 30 feet long, is the largest of all the dolphins. In the wild they can live to be over 100 years old.

(Otterwise. Winter, 1991)

Cats in Russia

From an article by Daphne Negus in Cat World International, Nov/Dec, 1991:

The domesticated cat appeared in Russia relatively recently, and became numerous in cities and towns only in the fourteenth century. By the eighteenth century there were 300 cats in the Winter Palace to keep away the mice.

People in Russia forecast the weather according to their cats. If your pussy cat licks its tail or hides its head, the weather will be nasty. Scratching the

floor means a snowstorm is coming; lying on its back means warm weather; washing and licking its paws means good weather is around the corner.

Until very recently there were few breeds of purebred cats in Russia. The first cat clubs were formed in 1986. There are now 25 cat clubs in 15 republics of the former USSR with an umbrella organization, "All Union Organization of Clubs of Fans of Cats," loosely translated, with 6,000 registered cats.

As part of their recent aid to the former USSR, the British have donated one ton of cat food, and are rounding up another ton. Canned cat food is not readily available in Russia, and is very expensive. Devoted cat owners have to move heaven and earth to find their favorite felines' favorite foods.

Animal tips

If your cat suddenly starts misbehaving... Cats are very conservative people. One cat suddenly went from being calm and well-behaved to scratching the sofa and spraying in corners. An animal behavior expert asked the cat's owner if anything had changed in the family or house recently. Very close questioning brought out the fact that a lamp had been moved from a table to the top of the television. Well, the cat had liked to sit underneath that lamp and bask in its warmth and couldn't in its new position. The bad behavior, it turns out, was to lodge a complaint. The

offending lamp was moved back, and the cat returned to being its normal well-behaved self.

(Our Animals. Winter, 1991)

Feeding wild birds? Ornithologist Todd Culver says that wild birds are perfectly able to survive without us feeding them. But if you like to feed them anyway, go ahead. Keep your feeder away from possible predators, use suet only at temperatures below 70 degrees, and wash your feeder with bleach once a month to reduce disease.

(Advocate. Summer, 1991)

Obedience trials If your mutt is jealous of all those high-class AKC canines, register him/her in obedience trials with the American Mixed Breed Obedience Registration (AMBOR). Register with AMBOR at its office in Minnesota and then look for a chapter in your own area. Now we'll just see who's first in the brainy department!

(Advocate. Summer, 1991)

Pets help people

Pet saves person: Eve, a 105 pound Rottweiler, dragged her wheelchair-bound mistress out of her truck when it caught fire on a highway in Indiana. Kathy Vahn credits Eve for saving her life. Eve then dragged Kathy away from the truck which exploded soon afterwards. When a highway patrol officer arrived, Eve dragged her owner over to the patrol car!

(CNN)

Remember Donny? The boy in a coma who was brought out of it by his dog Rusty? Well, the story went all over the country. Actress Kim Basinger wrote him and Frank Sinatra sent him a big stuffed toy dog. He's up and about now in the hospital and

doing a lot of relearning. Rusty comes to visit him every day, and was even given a scholarship to doggie obedience school. Donny will be out of the hospital very soon.

(Hard Copy. Dec. 26, 1991)

Hearing Dog Cody is the "ears" of Tim Finnigan who works in the Technical Information Department of the

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Cody is a frisky, black and white pooch of undetermined ancestry who wears a bright orange vest and a green security badge with his own photo on it, and the name "Cody Canine". He was a stray who was trained at the San Francisco SPCA.

(Our Animals. Winter, 1991)

Groups that help animals

This month's group: **The American Humane Association**

One of the main functions of the American Humane Association is the protection of animal actors. The AHA reviews scripts and monitors animals on the set. Last year, AHA reps travelled to 22 states and Canada to oversee animal actors at work. On the set of *White Fang*, AHA spent four months in Alaska making sure the animals were OK in the cold climate, paying special attention to their housing.

The film "Dances with Wolves" featured numerous animals, including a large herd of buffalo and several wolves. The AHA reps monitored the action to ensure that no creatures were injured.

They spent over a thousand days on sets protecting animals in 451 TV and film productions last year. They also read over 500 scripts and revised them to make sure all the animal actors were treated well.

The AHA created new guide lines on the housing and care of livestock used in films with the advice of some of the leading livestock "wranglers" as they are called in the business.

AHA much prefers that only experienced trainers and wranglers should work with animals on a production. Even the background extras required to ride during a production are auditioned by the head wrangler to determine ability.

As for films made abroad on location, the AHA has begun making contacts with the international film industry and recently finished guidelines to cover the animals in films made overseas.

They have a network of strongly-motivated members who write to officials and the media on a moments notice on significant issues as they arise. AHA keeps these members informed through legislative alerts information.

And AHA specializes in training programs for humane associations and shelter personnel. They offer different programs for rural and inner city organizations, and put out the newsletter for shelters, "Shoptalk", distributed to 3,600 U.S. shelters, and their manual, "Operational Guide" on shelter programs and procedures.

(Advocate. Summer, 1991)

Animals and Celebrities

Actress **Glen Close** tells of adopting a little half starved dog who hung around the set of "Sarah, Plain and Tall," a TV movie made last summer. He needed extensive medical attention, having been abandoned for three months, but is now o.k., and named Chigger. Her other dog, Gabby, is a Cotton de Touloniere, and has accepted little Chigger, more or less!

(Late Night with David Letterman. Nov. 26, 1991)

Richard Simmons is a Dalmation nut. Ten years ago he acquired Scarlett (he lives in a house used in the movie "Gone with the Wind"). Then she was a bit lonely, so along came Ashley. Scarlett and Ashley got out and ran away during remodeling, so to ease his loneliness he got Marty. But then the two were found. Next came Prissy and then Pittypat, a liver-spotted type. Finally, Melanie arrived. They have their own run and also go for three or four mile-a-day walks. He says they run and rule his house, and have taken over his life.

(Animal Guardian. Fall, 1991)

Lindsay Wagner has done a Boycott Veal PSA spot for the Farm Sanctuary which has reached millions of people across the country.

(Farm Sanctuary. Fall, 1991)

Princess Diana has let it be known that she will no longer wear fur.

(60 Min. Nov. 8, 1991)

Astrid Lindgren is best known for her Pippi Longstocking books for children. Less known here is that she is a tireless defender of animal rights. She has written extensively on the plight of farm animals. Largely due to her work, a very strong Swedish animal welfare law was passed in October of 1988. The reforms it mandates are now being taken up by the rest of Europe.

(HSUS News. Fall, 1991)

Blackjack, a Hearing Dog trained at the San Francisco SPCA, was named one of the nation's best working pets. He got his own trophy.

(Our Animals. Winter, 1991)

Teenage idol actor **Luke Perry** confided on TV that he has a Vietnamese potbellied pig, weighing 45 pounds, who sleeps on his bed at night. Since kids everywhere are hanging on Luke's every word, who knows what this will

do for future pigs' status.

(Regis and Kathy Lee. Dec. 26, 1991)

"If slaughterhouses had glass walls, everyone would be vegetarian," says **Linda McCartney** who published some holiday vegetarian recipes in the latest issue of PETA News.

(Animal Press. Dec. 1991)

Saturday Night Live staffer comedian **Kevin Nealon** asked the American Veterinary Medical Association to support the neuter-and-release program of limited feral cat populations. The method is being used by groups in England, Denmark, and South Africa.

(Animals' Agenda. Jan./Feb. 1992)

Rock Star **Stevie Nicks** has recorded a song honoring **Jane Goodall**, the chimp expert. Proceeds will benefit the Jane Goodall Institute.

(Animals' Agenda Jan/Feb 1992)

Celebrity Animals

Twiggy, the squirrel, lives in Portland, OR, and has two hobbies: hang-gliding and water skiing. She has her own toy boat and water skis.

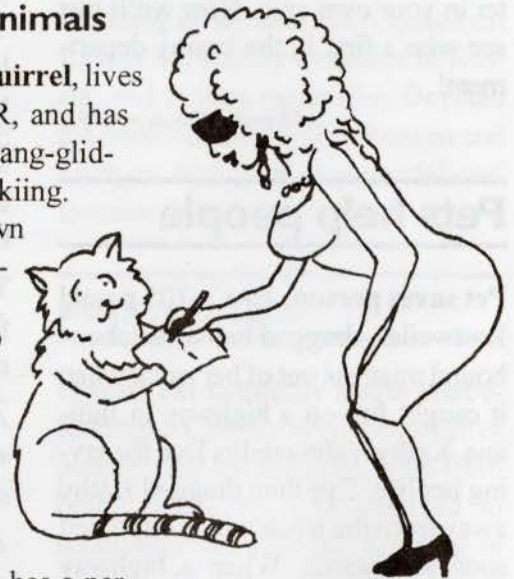
(CNN)

Minnie Moo is a five year old black and white Holstein cow from Atherton, Minnesota. She has a perfect silhouette of Mickey Mouse clearly visible on her side. She now lives in luxury at Disney World in Florida.

(Regis and Kathy Lee. Sept., 1991)

The Kings of Arlington, Texas have an interesting pet, a longhorn steer called **Silverado**, whom they take for walks in the neighborhood. Silverado attended a stock show and banquet where he had to suffer the kisses of the lady guests, but took it all in stride. He even has birthday parties where he gets to pop balloons with his horns.

(CNN)





The Angelife Gathering

Angelife is a growing network of people who join in prayer and meditation to support the cause of animals, wildlife and the earth.

Our weekly **Angelife Gathering** takes place every Wednesday evening here at Best Friends, and in people's homes across the country.

This circle of prayer and meditation is non-denominational and non-sectarian. While we will gladly send you a suggested format for prayers and meditation, we invite you to change it as necessary to be a part of your own religion, creed or culture.

What links our network together is the simple desire to bring spiritual support to the innocent creatures, the wildlife and the earth, and to all the people who are doing their best to take care of them.

In this way we can together build a powerful network of spiritual support for all who need this help.

We believe that anyone with a real love of the creatures and a concern for the welfare of the earth is in touch with the true spirit of Christ, whose angelic presence is made manifest in every act, word or thought of compassion, kindness, and love from any person at any time.

So we support people of every kind and creed who give of themselves to further the cause of the abused, neglected and dispossessed of this world.

We invite you to join with us in the spirit for this unique gathering - as we link together across time and space for a few minutes each week.

If you would like to be part of the Angelife Gathering, please fill in your name and address below, and return this page to us.

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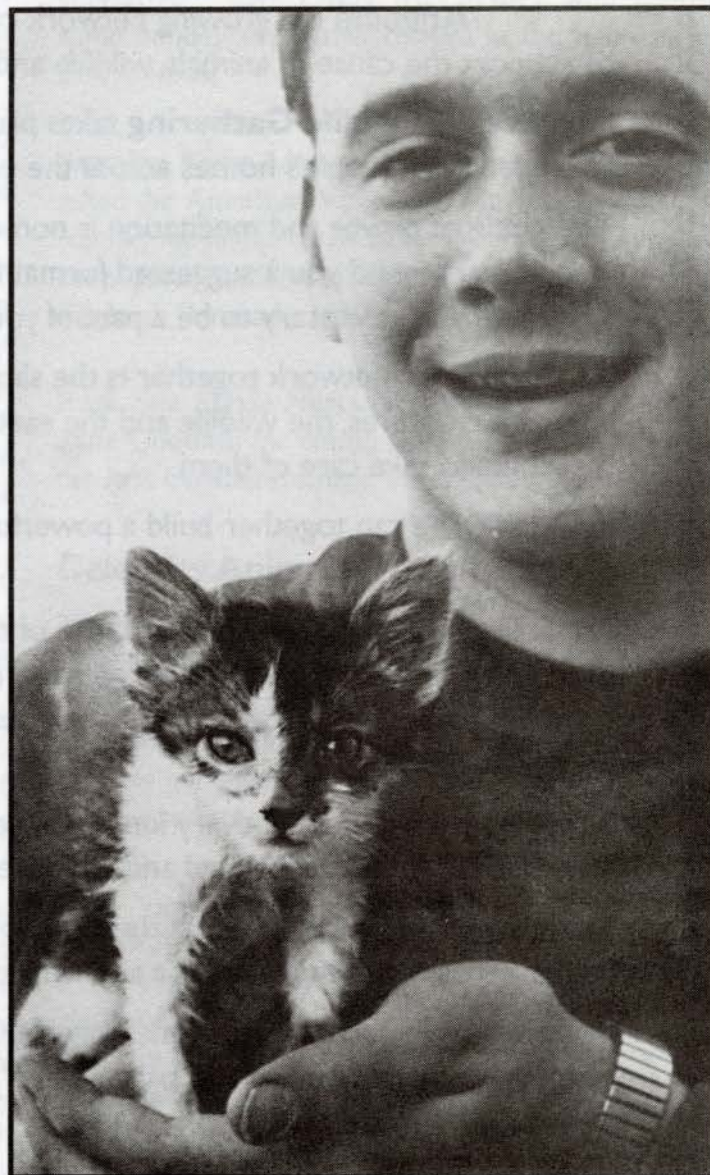
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...And They All Live Happily Ever After

“Hi! I'm Matches.

They called me Matches when I got to Best Friends because my little legs looked like match-sticks. I'd been abandoned as a tiny kitten and was really thin when a nice lady found me and brought me here. At Best Friends, they gave me special food and medicine and tons of love. A few months later, Judah (that's him in the photo) said I was ready to go to a new home. Soon after that two wonderful people, Dolores and Homer, came to visit Best Friends from California. They saw me, and I saw them, and it was love at first sight. So I gave Dolores a big kiss on the ear, and Judah said I could go home with them.

And that's my story. It started out quite sad, but thanks to the wonderful people like you who support Best Friends by buying this magazine, I get to live happily ever after. God bless you.”



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